

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q63783

Toshiharu UCHIDA

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For: MENU DISPLAY SYSTEM AND MENU DISPLAY METHOD

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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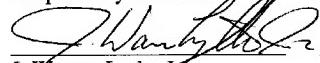
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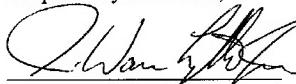
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